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October 11, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
Upper Wilcox Sand, Reservoir A, SUB
Port Hudson Field
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J.P. Van Way Operating Company ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Upper Wilcox Sand, Reservoir A, in Port Hudson Field, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Linn-Daniels No. 1 well located as shown on the attached plat as an alternate unit well for the U WX RA SU B.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Upper Wilcox Sand underlying the unit upon which it is to be drilled and completed and which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well on such unit.
3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Upper Wilcox Sand in Port Hudson Field, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1027-B, effective

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Ave., Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person wishing to inspect such data should contact Mr. Joe Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from the Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

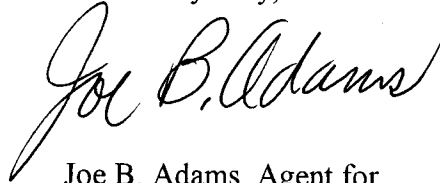
As provided for by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this hearing application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause the Legal Notice to be published in a newspaper published in the general area of Port Hudson Field in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Applicant will also mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties when received by the Applicant.

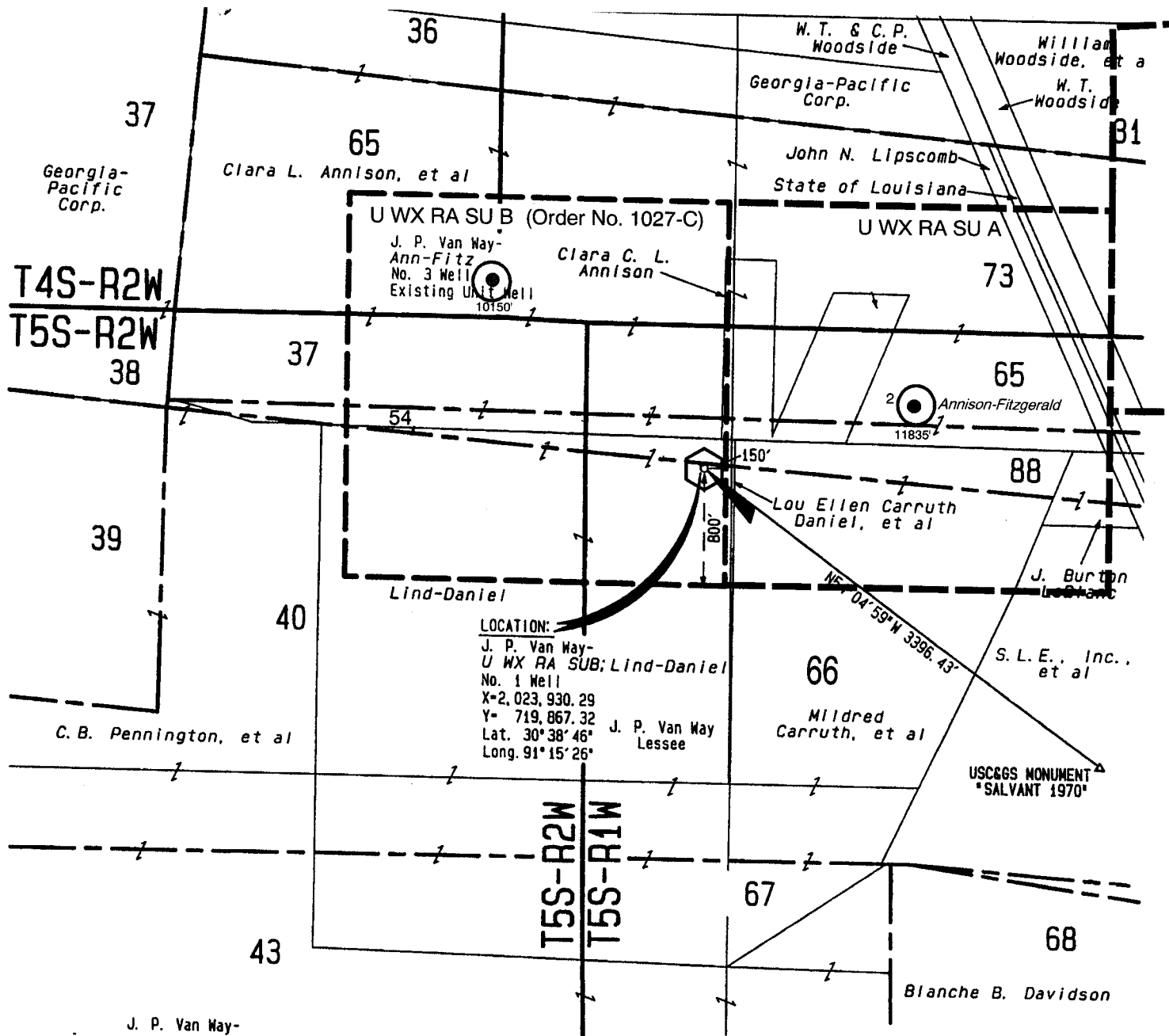
A check in the amount of \$ 700.00 payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe B. Adams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joe B. Adams, Agent for
J. P. Van Way Operating Company

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties on the attached list.



Docket No. 02-

Exhibit No.

J. P. Van Way

PORT HUDSON FIELD

East Baton Rouge Parish, LA.

**PROPOSED
Alternate Unit Well
U WX RA SU B**

Date:

Joe B. Adams

Consulting Geologist